

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 862

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A RESOLUTION to commend Tony Bernard Mitchell, Jr., for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Tony Bernard Mitchell, Jr., is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Speaker Pro Tempore Emeritus Lois DeBerry; Tony's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the son of Tony B. Mitchell, Sr., and Marlo J. Roberson, Mr. Mitchell is a lifelong resident of Memphis and a graduate of George Washington Carver High School, where he was included in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, Tony will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy in the spring of 2013 from the University of Memphis, where he maintains a 3.0 grade point average, is highly regarded by his peers, and serves as a member of the Tiger Leadership Institute and as a volunteer for Fogelman Feeds; and

WHEREAS, upon his graduation from college, Mr. Mitchell will attend the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, from which he plans to earn a Juris Doctorate degree to practice law in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Tony Mitchell serves with acumen and alacrity as a volunteer summer intern for the Shelby County Public Defender's Office; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Mitchell is a member of the National Honor Society, and he was honored by Tennessee State University for his commitment to academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Tony is also an active and devout member of Monument of Faith Church, which he serves faithfully as a musician; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Tony Mitchell brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2012 session of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2012 legislative session, Mr. Mitchell has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Tony Mitchell has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Tony Bernard Mitchell, Jr., for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Speaker Pro Tempore Emeritus Lois DeBerry and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.